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SUBJ: ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST LEADERS VIEW PROPOSED
RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT

1. THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA SEPT 26 REPORTS THAT NDABANINGI SITHOLE HAS REJECTED OUTRIGHT THE PROPOSED PLA FOR GRANTING RHODESIA MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS. THE STATEMENT BY SITHOLE WAS PREPARED IN DAR ES SALAAM AND RELEASED IN LUSAKA ON SEPT 25. SITHOLE CHARACTERIZES PROPOSALS AS A "NEFARIOUS SCHEME DELIBERATELY CALCULATED TO DIFFUSE THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AND TO LEGALIZE UDI." HE SAID THE PROPOSALS ENUNCIATED BY SMITH HAVE ONE OF TWO OBJECTIVES: (1) CREATION OF PUPPET REGIME SIMILAR TO LON NOL IN CAMBODIA OR KY IN VIETNAM, OR (2) PROVIDING OF A BREATHING SPACE IN WHICH SMITH CAN CONSOLIDATE HIS MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL POSITION.

2. SAME ARTICLE STATES ANC/NKOMO AND ANC/MUZOREWA ARE NOT SO QUICK TO DENOUNCE PEACE PROPOSALS. NKOMO'S
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DEPUTY, JOSIAH CHINAMANO, IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE

ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THESE PROPOSALS. THEY CONTAIN
A NUMBER OF FLAWS BUT WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE WE FEEL
THESE FLAWS ARE NOT INSURMOUNTABLE." MUZOREWA'S
SECY GENERAL, GORDON CHAVUNDUKA, REPORTEDLY SAID, "THE
PROPOSALS FALL SHORT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S DEMANDS BUT
WE WOULD LIKE MORE TIME TO STUDY THEM."
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